

MARINA READER

LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE

 **HAPPY HOLIDAYS** 

SAFE BOATING TIPS

Safe Boating Tips from the Long Beach Fire Department, Marine Safety Division

In October, several units from the Long Beach Fire Department Marine Safety Division battled a stubborn fire on a 60-foot yacht. Fire Investigators found that the fire originated in the electrical system onboard the vessel and quickly spread through void spaces below decks. The Long Beach Fire Department would like to encourage all boaters to follow some simple guidelines, to ensure a fun and safe experience while on our coastal waters.

1. Always maintain your safety equipment. Make sure that your fire extinguisher is fully charged and accessible. If your vessel has a fire suppression system onboard, make sure that it is checked annually, and recharged when necessary.

2. Make an evacuation plan for all your passengers, and inform them of how to exit the vessel in an emergency.

3. Ensure that your VHF radio is in good working condition, and that you know how to call for help in an emergency.

4. Avoid placing carpet, or furniture over deck hatches, and ensure that the hatches are in good working condition.

5. Ensure that electrical panels are easily accessible, and power shut off switches are in proper working order.

The Long Beach Fire Department Marine Safety Division encourages all boaters to enroll in a boating safety class. Information can be obtained through the California Department of Boating and Waterways, or talk with your local Marine Safety Officer and they can help assist you in gathering the information you need to make your voyage exciting and SAFE.

Christmas Parade Schedule

Belmont Shore Christmas Parade is scheduled for Saturday December 2, 2006 from 6 – 9 p.m. The theme this year is "Christmas on the Coast". This year, the Grand Marshals will be Mark and Kim from KOST 103.5 FM, Morning Show. For more information, call 562/434-3066 or www.belmontshore.org

The Huntington Harbor Boat Parade will be held December 9th and 10th. This year's theme is "Music for all Ages." Applications are available at the Marina offices. For more information, call (714) 840-7542 or email: www.boatparade2006@aol.com

The Naples Boat Parade is scheduled for December 9, 2006 at 6 p.m. The theme this year is "The Magic of Music". Applications are available on-line. For more information call 562/570-5333. <http://www.naplesca.org/About/ParadeForm.html>

Parade of 1000 Lights: The Shoreline Yacht Club will present the Annual Long Beach Parade of 1000 Lights on Saturday December 16, 2006 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The theme this year is "Christmas South of the Border". There is a \$15.00 entry fee. For more information call Shoreline Yacht Club at (562) 435-4093.

 **Jolly Holidays** 



TIDE CHART FOR DECEMBER 2006

	LOW TIDE				HIGH TIDE			
	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.
1F	—	—	12:47	-0.1	5:53	6.1	6:53	4.0
2Sa	12:03	1.4	1:34	-0.8	6:28	6.6	7:51	4.0
3Su	12:43	1.7	2:19	-1.2	7:06	6.9	8:46	4.0
4M	1:24	2.0	3:05	-1.5	7:44	7.0	9:38	3.9
5Tu	2:04	2.2	3:50	-1.4	8:24	7.0	10:30	3.8
	Sunrise 6:52		-PST-		Sunset 4:51			
6W	2:45	2.4	4:36	-1.2	9:05	6.7	11:24	3.7
7Th	3:27	2.6	5:23	-0.9	9:46	6.3	—	—
8F	4:14	2.9	6:11	-0.5	12:21	3.7	(10:30	5.8)
9Sa	5:12	3.1	7:01	0.0	1:23	3.7	(11:16	5.3)
10Su	6:31	3.2	7:51	0.4	2:26	3.8	12:09	4.6
	Sunrise 6:56		-PST-		Sunset 4:51			
11M	8:17	3.1	8:40	0.8	3:20	4.0	1:17	4.0
12Tu	9:58	2.7	9:27	1.2	4:03	4.3	2:47	3.5
13W	11:10	2.1	10:10	1.5	4:37	4.6	4:20	3.3
14Th	(12:01	1.5)	10:49	1.8	5:06	4.9	5:41	3.2
15F	(12:41	0.9)	11:26	2.1	5:33	5.2	6:44	3.3
	Sunrise 6:59		-PST-		Sunset 4:53			
16Sa	—	—	1:17	0.3	6:01	5.5	7:36	3.4
17Su	12:01	2.3	1:52	-0.1	6:30	5.8	8:20	3.5
18M	12:36	2.4	2:26	-0.5	7:01	6.0	9:01	3.5
19Tu	1:10	2.4	3:02	-0.8	7:33	6.2	9:40	3.6
20W	1:46	2.5	3:39	-1.0	8:09	6.4	10:20	3.6
	Sunrise 7:02		-PST-		Sunset 4:55			
21Th	2:24	2.5	4:17	-1.0	8:46	6.5	11:02	3.6
22F	3:05	2.6	4:58	-1.0	9:26	6.4	11:46	3.7
23Sa	3:54	2.6	5:40	-0.8	10:09	6.1	—	—
24Su	4:53	2.7	6:24	-0.4	12:33	3.8	(10:57	5.6)
25M	6:09	2.7	7:09	0.0	1:21	4.1	(11:55	5.0)
	Sunrise 7:04		-PST-		Sunset 4:58			
26Tu	7:42	2.4	7:57	0.5	2:10	4.4	1:07	4.2
27W	9:21	1.9	8:49	1.1	2:59	4.8	2:43	3.6
28Th	10:46	1.1	9:43	1.6	3:48	5.2	4:29	3.3
29F	11:53	0.3	10:40	2.0	4:35	5.7	6:03	3.3
30Sa	(12:48	-0.4)	11:35	2.2	5:22	6.1	7:16	3.5
	Sunrise 7:05		-PST-		Sunset 5:02			
31Su	—	—	1:37	-1.0	6:07	6.5	8:13	3.6

PHONE NUMBERS TO KEEP ON HAND

Long Beach Police
Marine Patrol Emergency
911 or 9911 (Dock Phone)

Non Emergency
(562) 435-6711

Maintenance during
working hours
(562) 570-1582

Alamitos Bay Office
(562) 570-3215

Shoreline Office
(562) 570-4950

Rainbow Harbor
(562) 570-8636

After office hours
(562) 570-3101

GPS CLASSES

The USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 53 is offering a two (2)-session "hands on" course in the use of GPS Receivers on Monday, December 4th and Wednesday December 6th, 2006, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., at Boater's World, 5912 E. Edinger Ave. (at Springdale), Huntington Beach.

Class size is limited to 9 students. There is a \$35.00 charge for this course, which includes textbook and handouts, to be prepaid by November 24. Make checks payable to "Flotilla 53", and mail to Paul Busher, 16211 Woodstock Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92647. For further information and pre-registration please call Paul Busher, (714) 840-0232.

FROM THE MANAGER



By Mark Sandoval,
Marine Bureau Manager

It is hard to believe, but as I look out my window I see the beginning stages of the installation of the Holiday Trees in the Bay. Time flies.....

My lone topic this month is water quality, and the recent press that the ocean water in Long Beach has received. A number of years ago, I recognized that the pumpouts we provided were an issue as I was receiving many complaints about the reliability of the City's pumpouts. The maintenance staff began a weekly inspection routine whereby each pumpout was inspected on Thursday or Friday, and repairs were made if feasible before the busy weekend. It became evident at that time that the problem in Long Beach was primarily in the Downtown area since the pumpouts were failing more frequently Downtown. Last year, we rectified that situation by replacing all four pumpouts in November, two at the Parker's guest dock and two on Dock A. We have had reliable service since that time.

Unfortunately, the problem seemed to migrate east, as we began experiencing more failures in Alamitos Bay. We were able to stay on top of the situation with our weekly inspection and repair program, until late August. At that time, the pumpouts in Alamitos Bay began failing at a rate that was difficult to rectify. As a result, we met with a pumpout manufacturer, and have ordered four new pumpouts that will be installed approximately one month from this writing. This problem is not solely a local problem, because Federal money was being made available through the State Department of Boating and Waterways, through grant programs, which we have used for all of our replacements. We are also evaluating the feasibility of adding one or two more units on the dock adjacent to the Davies Launch Ramp, which would give us six in Alamitos Bay.

The second part of the saga is the problem we experienced with water quality in upper Alamitos Bay, and then on the beach. The local newspaper attributed the problem to a broken sewer line at the Basin 6 pumpout. That pumpout had been shut down, and I do not think the connection was ever definitively made, but that is how the report read. Then, the City found leakage in two private pumpouts in the Marina Pacifica Marina. Again, that may have been a contributing factor but there is still no definite evidence that the source had been found, since the problem was located at Mother's Beach and in the Colorado Lagoon. The most recent newspaper article seemed to be turning attention to marina customers as the source, and linking pumpout problems with the larger water quality issue, even on the beach.

I know how newspapers sell, but it is troubling to read that marina customers, who are for the most part very environmentally conscious, are being blamed for sewage in the water. I know that there are a small handful that ignore the sewage disposal rules, but must believe it is a very few and cannot in any way cause the level of bacteria readings we were finding. In addition, I find it interesting that the two marina customers quoted in the articles are Shoreline Marina tenants, where we have had four very reliable pumpouts operating for about a year. Finally, the article alluded to liveaboards being the problem, ignoring the fact that it would be tantamount to a land-based homeowner dumping their toilet on their front lawn.

In any event, the morale of this story is that we will have eight pumpouts in our marinas by the end of November that are either new or a year old. In addition, we are purchasing \$20,000 of replacement parts with grant funds. And finally, if you note any violation of the dumping rules in the marinas, please do not hesitate to call our office, or Marine Patrol or the Rescue Boats via 911.

As always, happy and healthy boating.